



Public Input on MBNMS' Unique & Rare Features

On **Tuesday May 24th, 2011** Monterey Bay National Marine Sanctuary (MBNMS) will host a workshop to gather information on **biological, oceanographic, and geological features and submerged cultural resources that are unique and rare in the sanctuary**. This is the second in a series of workshops to inform an Ecosystem-based Management (EBM) Initiative for MBNMS.

Public input is central to this EBM Initiative. We are extending an open invitation for public to provide comments and information on this subject. Your experience and knowledge can help MBNMS staff improve their understanding of important features in the sanctuary, and help identify supporting data sources and information gaps. If you have important contributions to make, please join us.

Where: NMFS Santa Cruz (main conference room)
Southwest Fisheries Science Center
110 Shaffer Road, Santa Cruz, CA 95060

When: 8:30am - 5:00pm on Tuesday May 24, 2011

By working collaboratively with partner agencies and stakeholders and incorporating the best available science, MBNMS staff will develop recommendations to maintain healthy, resilient, coastal and marine resources while allowing for sustainable uses for the benefit of present and future generations.

You can learn more about MBNMS' EBM Initiative by visiting our website:
<http://montereybay.noaa.gov/ebmi/welcome.html>.